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1. ON JANUARY 16 A BRIEFING WAS GIVEN IN PRESENCE AMBASSADOR VOLPE AT THE MFA BY GENERAL PUTNAM, SETAF, AND 8TH LOG COMMAND OFFICERS ON PROPOSED AMMUNITION STORAGE CONSTRUCTION CAMP DARBY. FOLLOWING ITALIAN OFFICIALS ATTENDED: SECRETARY GENERAL MFA RAIMONDO MANZINI, DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS MFA EUGENIO PLAJA, MFA NATO OFFICE DIRECTOR FERDINANDO SALLEO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF MOD ADMIRAL PAOLO MAININI, LOGISTICS OFFICER MOD COL. GIANFRANCO FEROTTI.

2. BRIEFING WAS WELL RECEIVED. MANZINI INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK EARLY APPROVAL FOR TREE CUTTING FROM TWO REMAINING HOLDOUTS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTRY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL ASSETS. (MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE AGREED.) MANZINI INDICATED HE EXPECTED NO GREAT DIFFICULTY THOUGH HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY SYMPATHETIC TO SALLEO'S SUGGESTION THAT THE SILENCE OF THE TWO MINISTRIES COULD BE CONSTRUED AS CONSENT. MANZINI
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POINTED TO LEGAL PROBLEM OF PROPOSED MAGAZINE SIZE (UP TO

250 TONS) IN CONFLICT WITH ITALIAN LAW OF 1940 (LIMITING STORAGE IN A SINGLE MAGAZINE TO 20 TONS) AS PRIMARY OBSTACLE. THOUGH THERE IS PRESENTLY LEGISLATION BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT THAT WOULD ESTABLISH NATO STORAGE STANDARDS AS THE NORM IN ITALY, NONE OF THE ITALIANS PRESENT WAS SANGUINE THAT IT WOULD UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SOON BECOME LAW. ON THE OTHER HAND, ALL PRESENT EXPECTED THAT A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO CIRCUMVENT PRESENT RESTRICTIONS, PERHAPS BY FALLING BACK UPON THE OLD STANDBY, ARTICLE 3 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.

3. WHAT CLEARLY EMERGED FROM THE MEETING WAS THE OBVIOUS DESIRE OF THE ITALIANS PRESENT TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM. WE INTERPRET THE REMARKS OF MANZINI AND HIS COLLEAGUES AS MEANING: ASSUMING WE GET AGREEMENT TO CUT THE TREES WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF STORAGE CAPACITY AT A LATER DATE. MANZINI OFFERED THAT THE LATTER PROBLEM WAS IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS "ADMINISTRATIVE", WHICH WE INTERPRET AS MEANING SUSCEPTIBLE TO SOLUTION WITHIN THE DEFENSE/MFA CONTEXT. VOLPE

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